

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 968

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to commend and honor United Way of Greater Chattanooga on the occasion of its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is the privilege of the members of this General Assembly to pay tribute to those exemplary organizations and their remarkable personnel who work with purpose and conviction to improve the quality of life in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable organization is United Way of Greater Chattanooga, which is commemorating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, marking a century of supporting the vital work of nonprofit organizations in the Tennessee Valley; and

WHEREAS, founded in September 1922 as the United Fund of Greater Chattanooga, Inc., the organization sought to bring structure to the coordination of existing community-driven services, uncover and address unmet needs, and provide every segment of the population an opportunity to work together for the common good; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 1981, the organization was rechristened United Way of Greater Chattanooga to reflect its expansion from simply a fundraising organization to one that also gathers volunteers, provides a crisis hotline, and advocates for children throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, as part of its centennial celebration, United Way of Greater Chattanooga is expanding its funding model to help more organizations than ever before, with any nonprofit in Hamilton, Marion, and Sequatchie counties in Tennessee and Dade, Walker, and Catoosa counties in Georgia eligible to apply for grants; and

WHEREAS, United Way of Greater Chattanooga anticipates contributing approximately \$4 million to area nonprofits this year alone, a significant investment in the community at a time when help is greatly needed; and

WHEREAS, United Way of Greater Chattanooga is committed to partnering with its neighbors to help solve the community's most pressing problems; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that we recognize United Way of Greater Chattanooga for its countless contributions to the well-being of the citizens of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of United Way of Greater Chattanooga, salute its unwavering commitment to supporting nonprofit organizations in the Tennessee Valley, and extend our best wishes for much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.